

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, PFOR, EG, IS, US  
SUBJECT: AMOCO EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: CAIRO 5060

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY APRIL 18, HE ASKED WHAT WE HAD DONE WITH RESPECT TO ENABLING AMOCO TO GO BACK TO 304.1. I REMINDED HIM THAT WE HAD GIVEN HIM OUR FOUR POINTS, WHICH HE HAD NOT ACCEPTED. WE DID NOT CONSIDER HIS COUNTER-PROPOSAL (CAIRO 17881) AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. FAHMY ARGUED THAT THE ISSUE IS OF SOME IMPORTANCE AND THAT, ESPECIALLY SINCE USG'S LEGAL POSITION IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF GOE, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PRESS THE ISRAELIS ON THE MATTER.

2. I REMINDED FAHMY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ONCE TOLD ME THAT THE AMOCO OIL ISSUE, WHILE IMPORTANT, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH THE ME PEACE PROCESS. FAHMY CONTENDED THERE IS NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD INTERFERE WITH THE PEACE PROCESS AND NOTED THAT, AS WE KNEW, GOE, AND ESPECIALLY THE PRESIDENT, ATTACHES GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO REACHING THE ONE MILLION BPD PRODUCTION FIGURE BY 1980. THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF AMOCO IS ABLE TO DRILL SITES IN THE EASTERN GULF OF SUEZ. IN ANY CASE,  
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FAHMY CLAIMED, MINPET HILAL IS PRESSING HIM TO WORK OUT SOME ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY AMOCO CAN RETURN TO 304.1 IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. I TOLD HIM IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WAS PRESSING THE ISSUE. FAHMY RESPONDED THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE ENTIRE EGYPTIAN CABINET ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE AMOCO RESUME OPERATIONS AT 304.1.

3. FAHMY ASKED THAT I BRING THIS MATTER TO THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION. HE CLAIMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON AND THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO BACK TO THE ISRAELIS AND ASK THEM TO AGREE TO AMOCO'S RESUMING WORK AT 304.1.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT I SHOULD TELL FAHMY ON THIS MATTER.  
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